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Betsy Adkinson graduate's from U.S. Coast

Coast Guard Seaman Betsy -- honor, respect and devotion Adkinson, daughter of Charlotte to duty - and how to apply

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accepted to the Samford Parents are Wilson and Zelda ed a vigorous training curricu- Guard just as they do aboard of Pharmacy; the Doctor of Community, Grandparents are academics and practical instruction the world. To reinforce the team Pharmacy program is a four- Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Mobley of tion on water safety and sur- concept, Adkinson, and other year course of study. She was Victoria, and Merle Bragg and vival, military customs and recruits were trained in preventchosen as one of 116 out of 660 the late Dock Bragg, also of

Troy State University this past the White Coat Ceremony is Dr. summer and began her studies in Joseph O. Dean Jr., Dean of the Pharmacy in August. McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Victoria. Britainy transferred from Shown welcoming Britainy at

She is a 2000 graduate of at Samford University.

Coast Guard's three core values Pensacola, Fla. Jeremy Pippin graduates from U.S.

health and wellness

Pippin and other recruits also Pippin is a 1997 graduate of received instruction on the Elba High School. Coast Guard's three core values

Elba, Ala, recently graduated ance and personal conduct. from the U.S. Coast Guard Adkinson will join 36, 000 Recruit Training Center in Cape other men and women who are the Coast Guard's force. During the eight-week train- Men and women train togeth-

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Coast Guard Recruit Training

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Three Arts Club in Opp to hold Christmas Tour of Homes

The Three Arts Club of Opp the day of the tour of Homes or will be hosting a Christmas Tour at the Opp History House at 208 of Homes on Sunday, Whaley St.

December 7, 2003. This will be Refreshments will be served between the hours of 1:00 and at the History House, compliments of the Three Arts Club 4:00 p.m. There will be an admission For further information call charge of \$5,00 Gay Lull at 493-1798.

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The holiday season officially began last weekend in New Brockton as the town held its annual Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. Many church groups, organizations and community businesses weathered the cold temperatures to show off their holiday spirit. From riding floats decorated in colors representing the season to wearing attire recognized for the occasion, the Christmas event was certainly one for all ages to enjoy. Even St. Nick himself got in on the fun as Santa filled the air with sounds of "ho-ho-ho" and feeling of good cheer. Immediately following the parade, citizens ventured to the town park located next to New Brockton Town Hall for the lighting of the town's Christmas tree. Afterwards, they enjoyed refreshments while singing Christmas carols. Additional pictures from the parade, can be found in this edition of the paper.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Christmas event committees present checks ities Monday morning, Dec. 8, letter supporting Wiregrass Paper and Janitorial received the

Council received good reports moving junk cars.

Members of the town's For \$350 the leaky area over Christmas. council members and brought a guarantee, and for \$5,940 the and \$338 to be paid. smile to everyone's face after roof can be completely recovered * Received a reminder that over the operation. \$795 and the parade committee guarantees and the cost amount, Thursday, Dec. 25, in obser- a two-year agreement by letter Wiregrass Rehabilitation price and terms of that agree-

Mayor Charles Cole and I council members thanked committee members for all of their hardwork in presenting these holiday events, and council member Johnnie Herron said he found out firsthand how time consuming planning such events can be for the volunteers. He said his heart goes out to every person willing to help with

Council members handled a couple of requests from police chief Boyd Hartzog as they voted to hire one part-time officer from that position to fulltime with a pay increase.

save the town some money. The council also voted to pay part-time police department

employees holiday pay if they work on Christmas Day. The mayor presented a request from Hartzog asking the town council to support moving According to a town ordinance regarding this matter, a

owner asking him/her to do something with the vehicle. Once the letter is received, the owner has 15 days to do something. If the town has the vehicle owner will have to pay the mover to get it back. Cole said the town had stopped this procedure for some reason in the past, but he does

letter will be written to the

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In discussion, all council roof for \$975 with a one-year members voiced their support guarantee.

The New Brockton Town for following the ordinance and In other business, the council: Mobley told those in attendance ment, and I hope they run as of Coffee County EMS as from Christmas event commitCouncil members discussed employees a one-time pay raise hibited the State Department of Stephens' motion received a and spokesperson for the board, tees Monday evening, Dec. 8, fixing roof leaks on the town of \$50 for full-time and \$25 for Public Health and Department second from commissioner addressed the group. during the regular monthly hall building, and Cole present- part-time. This is something the of Human Resources from being Bernest Brooks and passed by a McILwain said Coffee ed three different price quotes. town does every year for able to work out an agreement unanimous vote.

Christmas parade committee the mayor's office can be *Approved a motion to pay the daycare facilities in Elba and county and cities of Elba and non-profit organization. He said and Christmas pageant commit- patched. For \$975 the whole roof monthly bills totaling \$41,724,65 Enterprise. However, he said Enterprise, Mobley said the organization currently tee reported successful events to can be patched with a one-year with \$41,386.65 being prepaid Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Wiregrass Rehabilitation will serves the City of Elba and the

the pageant committee present- with a two-year guarantee. the town hall offices will be ed the town with a check for Considering the time limit for closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and is willing to take over but needs the end of December before you have will be honored at the



Christmas parade committee members present for the New Cole said hiring this officer as Brockton Town Council meeting were (from left: Cal Donnia a full-time employee will elimi- Howard, co-chairperson; Jim Driskell; Barbara Herron, chairperson; nate two part-time positions and and Jerry Haynes. Other committee members include: Elma Brock, Lyn Manley and Deborah Herron.

Santa visits New Brockton for parade | C.C. Water Authority plans sign-up meeting for Phase II of countywide water system project

The Coffee County Water County, 89 percent of the rural calling (334) 585-5841 or the Authority will hold the first pub-residents of Alabama now have Water Authority at 894-9254. lic meeting on Thursday, Dec. access to public water and fire The Water Authority intends to 11, at 6:30 p.m., at New Hope protection," said Steve Pelham, serve only those residents desir-Baptist Church to sign-up poten- state director of the funding ing public water and potential tial customers for Phase II of the agency - rural development. "At fire protection. Areas with a few countywide water system. this meeting, the USDA or no sign-ups may be deleted

David Hicks, consulting engi- Community Development team from the project scope.

neer for the Authority, said the developed a 'wish list' for Coffee According to Hicks, it is sign-up fee is set at \$25 and will County which included water imperative those parties interest-

be refunded if water service is system improvements for the ed in the future development of not provided to the signee at his north half of Coffee County." north Coffee County assist in Sign-up forms may be obtaining sign-ups from their "At a meeting in Coffee obtained from the engineer by neighbors

It is not too late to be immunized for influenza

vaccine this year, most county facilities that house persons of Symptoms include the sudden health departments still have any age who have long-term ill- onset of fever, cough, some vaccine available," said nesses; adults and children who headache, body aches, mild Winkler Sims, director of the have chronic heart or lung con- sore throat and stuffy nose. Immunization Division. ditions, including asthma; Severe symptoms last 2-7

"December is not too late for adults and children who need days, but the cough can last for Alabamians to be immunized, regular medical care or have weeks. Some patients become because influenza season usual- been in a hospital because of so sick that they need hospitaly peaks in January or February diseases like diabetes, chronic ization and some even die. here as it does nationally." kidney disease, or weakened For more information about

Influenza vaccine can be immune system; women who the availability of influenza taken through the end of March. will be more than 3 months vaccine, contact your local Several groups of people pregnant during the flu season, county health department or should obtain flu shots because children 6-23 months of age health care provider.

Commission supports keeping adult daycare facilities open "They (the facilities) are very bid on 12 oz. foam cups, food

County administrator Wilson well under the health depart- update on the current situation

to continue operating the adult In receiving support from the phase from a profit business to a had been contacted about taking prevent the closing of the day- western part of Coffee County. care facilities. The Elba facility "We want to assure you as a Mobley said the organization was scheduled to be closed by commission that any agreement

from the commission showing stepped forward.

While supplies of influenza they are at high risk of compliand household contacts of high

vaccine are reaching low lev- cations, such as pneumonia or risk people. els, there is not yet a shortage even death. These groups Influenza is caused by of vaccine in the state. include persons 50 years old or virus. In an average year, 20 "While we have administered older; residents of nursing percent of the population thousands of doses of influenza homes and other long-term care experiences influenza.

important especially to those travs and forks. The Coffee County who use them," commission The secondary bid for 12 oz. Commission pledged its support chairman Robert Stephens said foam cups and forks went to for two local adult daycare facil- as he offered a motion to write a Creel Paper while Enterprise during the regular bimonthly Rehabilitation in this venture, secondary bid for food trays. meeting of the commission. "The daycares were ran very Commissioners received an

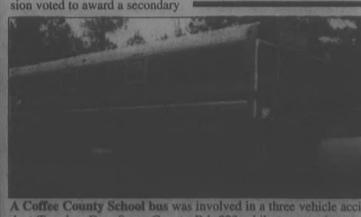
* Approved a motion to give that limited state funding pro- well under this group." Marvin McILwain, president County EMS is in a transition

ment," McILwain said. "The its support of the operation. He In an attempt to prevent future desire and goal of the committee said the organization also will problems, commissioners is to keep this service for the citrequest support from the cities approved a request to appoint a izens." of Elba and Enterprise. secondary supplier for a few He said a six-member board In writing the letter of com- paper and food products recent- currently oversees the new non-

mitment, the commission would ly awarded through bids. profit organization, and all docagree to continue to support the As low bidder, Mobley said umentation to operate as a nonadult daycare facilities in the Houston Paper was awarded the profit organization is in place. same manner they have to this bid for paper plates at a prior In other business, the compoint. This includes paying the meeting. Monday, he said a mission: ent and insurance on the build- problem emerged recently when * Approved a resolution the jail ran out of paper plates authorizing the chairman to and Houston Paper could not get enter into agreement with the a truck to deliver more between Department of Transportation to

> Mobley said this put the coun- 639 and 603. ty in a bind, and plates had to be * Approved a motion giving purchased elsewhere. To avoid this in the future, the commis- Please See CCC, Page 11 sion voted to award a secondary

a period of Thursday through begin the process for resurfacing county roads 349, 306, 117.



dent Tuesday, Dec. 9, on County Rd. 223 while transporting students home from school. At the time of the accident, there were only three students on the bus being driven by Sue Hussey. The car directly behind the bus was driven by Sherrie Barker, and she was transported to a local hospital for what appeared to be only minor injuries. A third vehicle, driven by Shannon Bright, hit the rear of Barker's vehicle in the chain reaction incident; however, Bright was not injured. The students were at the front of the bus at the time of impact. They did not appear to be injured but were being treated for

EDITORIAL

with Ferrin Cox

Sunday, December 7th . . . it was an eerie feeling Sunday morning 2003, investigated the following TUESDAY, DEC. 2 - River Fire Department dispatched to a for us to think that what seems like only a few years ago WWII incidents; one lost cellular tele- stage - 7.69 feet (6:24 a.m.); structure fire at 922 Martin began on just such a December Sunday with the early morning surphone, one private property. Domestic disturbance reported. Luther King Dr. (2:08 p.m.); prise bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. The tranquil tropi- accident, one harassment, two at the corner of Putnam and Coffee County EMS dispatched cal scene in Hawaii was disrupted by death and destruction, yet it for theft of property, three for Williams St. (3:29 p.m.). for standby at the fire at 922 was only the bloody tip of the iceberg. Many thousands of families criminal mischief, one possesworldwide had their lives abruptly changed forever in the years fol-sion of marijuana, one domestic WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 - River p.m.); Breaking and entering lowing that fateful morning attack.

Last Tuesday night some "friends", namely members of the Elba session of drug paraphernalia, to 360 Dr. Roberts Drive (11:21 Rotary Club, pulled off a surprise and presented yours truly with the one death, one incident and one a.m.); Routine activity. first of what they expect to be an annual award for "Outstanding burglary. Professional and Civic Achievements to the Benefit of the Citizens The following arrests were THURSDAY, DEC. 4 - River Routine activity. of Elba." To say we were not flattered would be an insult to your made: one for failure to pay. stage - 6.81 feet (6:17 a.m.); intelligence and well a lie. Most humans tend to enjoy being Traffic citations issued during Routine activity. stroked occasionally and there is no exception in this corner. the week were as follows: five However, an even stronger emotion this time is a bit of embarrass- for speeding, one for driving FRIDAY, DEC. 5 - River stage activity. ment at not feeling the honor was really earned, nor deserved. You with a revoked driver's license. - 6.91 feet (6:16 a.m.); Wreck see, we are there when many of these lofty undertakings are being two for an expired tag and one (dump truck vs. power pole) hatched and/or during the grueling hours of making them become a for driving with a suspended reality. Therefore there is a keen awareness of how little (if any) our driver's license. personal input contributes to the ultimate success of these projects. Daily activity highlights for No one person should get all the credit because it takes a group the week were as follows: effort to do most of these things. In fact we strongly believe that if MONDAY, DEC. 1 - River one is in it for the credit, that person is in the way (and often very stage - 8.24 feet (6:00 a.m.); ineffective). Also we honestly feel that there are so many others Two-vehicle wreck reported on who better measure up to the goals set by the Elba Rotarians. To East Davis St. at Brunson Minirefuse the honor would be rude and unforgivable unthinkable, Storage (6:37 a.m.); Coffee so we graciously accept the award, but on behalf of all the good. County EMS dispatched to the unselfish and caring folks we continue to work with "for the bene-wreck on East Davis St. (6:37 fit of the citizens of Elba." That includes quite a number of the a.m.); Elba Fire Department dis-Rotarians instrumental in this presentation. Elba still needs many patched to standby at the wreck things and we stand ready to bear the cross with each of you tomor- on East Davis St. (6:37 a.m.); row, tomorrow and tomorrow. And our humble thanks to all the Minor wreck reported in the members of Elba Rotary Club, past and present.

The Medicare expansion bill which President Bush fust signed leaves us with mixed emotions. Being in the senior citizen category, we are perked up over the potential payment of our prescription drugs. Being a bit of a fiscal conservative (some describe us as tight with our tad of money) we are concerned over the negative impact this will have on the federal budget. America is already spending more than the treasury is taking in by billions of dollars. Somewhere down the line our children and grandchildren will have to pay for this deficit spending. Already so many millions of tax dollars are going to pay interest on money borrowed in past years, dollars which could be going to these much needed or politically popular projects.

As usual civilization has gone overboard with something. It is either a rash of westerns, comics, sitcoms, cop shows, on TV; Eating or not eating certain foods; the list goes on and on. Now there are complaints of overexposure to Christmas songs. In New York a group was complaining this week about all day carols on the radios. Don't these folks know how to use the on-off switch if they are tired of what is being played? Maybe they just want something to complain about. In Austria, the home of much beautiful music, trike if such music is not curtailed in stores. In fact Austria is signs of Scrooge as citizens complain, complain, comain about what has been generations of Christmas traditions.

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would like to thank all the people of Elba and Coffee County for the help and expressions of sympathy received in our dealing with her loss. We are especially indebted to the benevolent committee at the First Baptist Church who provided

food for the family.

FAST FACT

who are in need, but also give season and offer your time Funeral services were held ELLIS LEE EDDINS cially need a break from the Anita A. Drummond, MS, with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. at Elba Nursing Home. Burial followed in Evergreen Funeral services were held

> English, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two Burial followed in the and other relatives. Pallbearers will be Col. Paul Survivors include three sons: Engilsh Jr., Dr. Jeffery H.

English, Michael English, David English, Keith English and Brice Paul. Honorary pallbearers will be the staffs of the Elba Nursing Here's what is needed to Registration in person at any Home, Taylor Mill Oaks

holiday season when frustra- saved a life. Many parents who ALIENE PAUL ENGLISH of flowers donations be made to Randy Eddins, Jimmy Eddins December 10, 2003 at the Hope tions sometimes run high. We abuse do it out of frustration, not Mrs. Aliene Paul English, age the Elba Nursing Home or a and Edward Eddins, all of Elba; Chapel, Forest Lawn, Cypress.

their children. You can help by Prevent Child Abuse Alabama Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Dec. 9, 2003 from the Chapel of GRACE G. BENSZ Funeral Home directing. Hayes Funeral Home in Elba Grace G. Bensz of Downey, brother: Buck Grantham, Elba: Survivors include one son: with Rev. Jimmy Eddins and Calif.; died December 4, 2003. four grandchildren and one LTC Paul L. (Marianne) Rev. Marcus Ramer officiating. Funeral services were held great-grandchild. grandsons; six great-grandchil- Evergreen Cemetery of Elba dren; several nieces, nephews with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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sisters: Irene Blackmon, Ocala. Survivors include one daugh-Dec. 7, 2003 from the Chapel of Mr. Ellis Lee Eddins, age 91, Fla., Grace Marler Lee, Elba; ter: Karen Reese, Downey, Hayes Funeral Home in Elba of Elba, Ala., died Dec. 7, 2003 four grandchildren and one Calif.; one son: Joseph Bullard,

one daughter: Wayne Harrison She was preceded in death by Singleton, New Brockton; two one brother, William Grantham. Downey, Calif.; one stepsister: Patsy Lee, Elba; one

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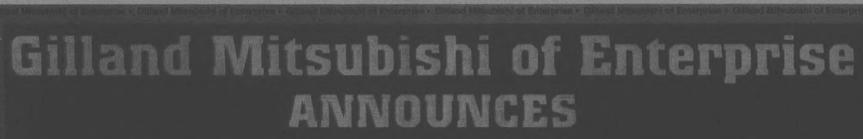
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After proving the scientific establishment wrong in 1901,

Marconi built transmitting and receiving stations on both sides of the Atlantic. His business improved and in 1909, he received the Nobel Prize for Physics. Even then, it would require tragedy for the world to appreciate the true value of his work.

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a station in Cornwall, England, 1,800 miles to the east.

Marconi was gambling that most scientists, who believed telegraphy in England and Italy, he started the Wireless that radio waves traveled in a straight line, were wrong. Telegraph and Signal Company in 1897. By the turn of the Marconi believed they followed the curvature of the earth. If century, Marconi was sending messages more than fifty he were right, he would hear the signal from Cornwall. At miles, but the belief wireless communications had a limited 12:30 R.M., he heard it. He then passed the headset to range was hindering his business.

Marconi. Courtesy of successfully transmitted his first 1938 through Memorial radio signal. The first time, he foundland. sent it a few hundred yards across a field on his parents Italian estate. Within a few

ship slipped beneath the waves. Over 1,500 lives were lost In 1895, twenty-one-year-old that night, but another 705 survived. Suglielmo, who was the son of a vealthy Italian businessman and an Irish whiskey heiress, had



Echoing the world's feelings about the catastrophe, British His mother then took him to England, where he obtained a postmaster-general Herbert Samuel said: "Those who have patent for wireless communication. After displaying wireless been saved, have been saved through one man, Mr.

> NEXT WEEK: When "Merry" and "Christmas" were first used in the same phrase.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

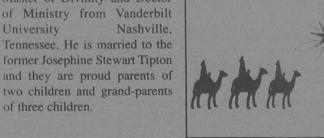
Christmas Play to be presented at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

"Christmas in Pine Level", a meaningful and delightful story of Christmas in a small town, will be presented by the children and youth ministry members of the congregation on December Scripture: Luke 12:1-21 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. A special Christmas meal will be prepared ***Thinking of you, praying of December 22-24 at 7:00 p.m. at on Saturday, December 20, at

The Saint Beulah

Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs of First Missionary Baptist Church Sponsor gospel singing in Huntsville, Alabama.

President at-large of the accomplishments Rev. Scruggs the area. The singing will be 762-2256. completed requirements for a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to the former Josephine Stewart Tipton and they are proud parents of



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ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Dye, pastor, and the congrega- Bryant, Lovie Hooks, Ruth Kyles - 897-1153. Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Mary convene at Triumph the Church A.M.E. churches in South he asked, "is this jar full?" Alice Blue, Cora Hines. The and Kingdom of Christ, Martin Alabama. During the Planning Everyone in the class said, "yes.

The Saint Beulah Missionary by Mulberry District Baptist Everyone is invited to attend. Some plans for future missionary endeavors. 100th year church anniversary December 25, 2003 at the ful! December 14, 2003 at 3;00 p.m. Mulberry District Baptist

The guest speaker will be The Vineyard Christian Retreat to Marge Simmons is host WMS more he asked the question, "is this jar full?"

The Vineyard Christian held on Friday, December 12th 393-3827. Rev. Dr. Scruggs is Vice Retreat Center in Ariton is spon- beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured soring a gospel singing for the groups will be Oasis, The Haire Fund raising account tion?" U.S.A. Inc. among his many distributed to needy children in For more information call 334- at Peoples Bank

> to present "A Thrill of Hope" musical

Claire Cloninger and Camp Elba and New Brockton. Kirkland, Sunday, December 14, during the morning worship

service. There will be featured soloist and a live orchestra. The choir is plans cantata under the direction of Mr. Tommy Newman.

SLUMC to hold annual beginning at 11 a.m. Drive-Through Live Nativity Everyone is cordially invited. December 13 & 14

St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise will hold their Annual Drive-Through Live Nativity. The nine-scene event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. St. Luke United Methodist Church s located on Heath Street near Enterprise High School.

WMS planning meeting to be held at St Johns Chapel A.M.E.

Ms. Carolyn Cummings. President of the South Alabama Conference Women's Educational Building at 7:00 the A.M.E. Church, will preside p.m. The workshop will be held over her first Planning Meeting to think about

EUMC Chancel Choir been set up for Judy Kelly of you'll never get them in at all." The Chancel Choir of the Elba up at several local businesses, or neous. United Methodist Church will contributions can be made

NB United

The choir of New Brockton United Methodist Church will Everyone is invited to attend present a cantata, "We Will Call m King," on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the morning worship service.

> Attend the church of your choice this

> > Sunday!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Baxter-Elba United Methodist Church

Missionary Society (WMS) of Are you too busy? Here's something

by the men of the congregation you: Adam Dunlap, Joe Bailey, the Educational Building. For 10:00 a.m. at Johns Chapel following the program. Mt. Versie Barnes. The Lee and Olive is located in the Pine English Families. Ada Jones. Folmar - 897-6643, Pattie Ms. Cummings is the recently and set it on a table in front of him. he produced about a dozen fistand set it on a table in front of him. he produced about a dozen fistand set it on a table in front of him. he produced about a dozen fistand set it on a table in front of him. Level Community. Bro. Tony Beverly Liptrot, Lawrence Culver - 897-8216 or Katonya elected leader of local WMS sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. tion invites everyone to spend Belcher, Rev. Charles Lane, ***Quarterly Conference will units operating in over 50 when the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside.

Johns Family, and all of those Luther King Drive, Elba. Meeting, the Conference Branch Then he said, "really?" he reached under the table and pulled out Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

Serving in the Armed Forces.

December 19-21, 2003. Friday - 7:00 p.m., Saturday -12:00 p.m., Saturday -"Christmas Concert" sponsored and Sunday - 10:00 a.m. year and will discuss plans for between the big rocks, then he asked the group once more, "is the

Baptist Church is celebrating its

Youth Department will be held

Today is a good day; be grateRev. Willis N. Huggins is host
answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and Presiding Elder, Rev. Carl brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in, and it Eria McDaniel is host pastor, and went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once

president. For more informa- "No!" the class shouted. tion, please contact Simmons at Once again he said, "good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "what is the point of this illustra-

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no mat-National Baptist Convention, kids. Toys will be collected to be Family, Souled Out and others. set up for Judy Kelley ter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this A fund raising account has illustration teaches us is this: if you don't put the big rocks in first.

Elba, who is experiencing major The expert was giving the class a lesson in time management, put medical difficulties in a Mobile in the big rocks first. Make sure you have your priorities straight. hospital. Donation boxes are set Take care of the essentials before you get bogged down in the extra-

present "A Thrill of Hope", a Christmas musical created by directly to the Judy Kelly account at The Peoples Bank, Live Nativity to be held on vacant lot next to Elba United Methodist Church

> The Elba United Methodist 21 on the vacant lot next to the Methodist Church Church will have a Live church.
> Nativity on December 19, 20 &

> > December 15-19 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pan Cake Pups, Pereal, Juice, Milk Puesday - Waffles, Canadian Bacon, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Pednesday - Pop Tarts, Pereal, Juice, Milk Pednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Lice, Milk Priday - Muffins, Cereal, Lice, Milk Priday - Muffins, Cereal	Monday - Ham & Cheese Croissant Turkey Sandwich, California Vegetables Breaded Okra, Fruit, Milk Tuesday - Burrito, Corn Dog, Whol Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk Wednesday - Ham, Turkey, Dressin w/Cranberry Sauce, Yams, Green Beans Rolls, Sugar Cookie, Fruit, Milk Thursday - Sausage Pizza, Chicke Sandwich, Dill Spear, Tater Tots, Englis Peas, Fruit, Milk

Friday - No Lunch Served

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Sunday School. 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge nday School..................9:45 a.m

plan to officially organize the and support, and safety and the local club, call Scott Kelley club by the end of the month. pediatric trauma. The Elba club at Kelley Foods, 334/897-5761.

as the Boys and Girls Club, their communities.

The new club in Elba will parfast meeting each Tuesday. The Elba Publis 91-6

The Elba Public Library is Summer (LP) the Christian Mission. Anyone Man's Song can donate cans. If you have NONFICTION: one can for each dollar of over- Lynch Story

NEW BOOKS

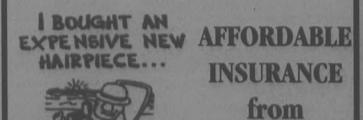
Brown, Carrie-The Hatbox Man's Song

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present an exciting and inspira-

tional performance of Christmas

A variety of instrumental

groups will perform favorite

Christmas songs during this spe-

These musical groups will-

include the Brass Quintet, Jazz

Combo, "Crossfire," and the

Concert Band, each to play dif-

favorites will include 'Twas the

Night Before Christmas, Sleigh

cial holiday concert.

16 at Ft. Rucker

Fort Rucker Post Theater.



Left to right, front row: Nell Gilmer, Sam Cooper, Ronnie Whitworth. Back row: Scott Kelley, Matt. ferent musical holiday selec-

Brunson, Joel Lee Williams (Troy), Gary Allen, Herby McCall, and Tom Woods (Dothan). New Kiwanis Club organizing in Elba

Kiwanis lieutenant governor communities have typically youth with opportunities to Noel. Tom Woods from Dothan and worked on projects in four develop leadership and organi-Joel Lee Williams from the Troy major areas of need: maternal zational skills, while teaching Kiwanis Club are calling on and infant health, childcare and the value of volunteering. Elba residents in December and development; parent education For more information about

With the corporate slogan, will address similar local needs. "Serving the Children of the Kiwanis is a worldwide com-World", the focus of Kiwanis munity-service organization clubs is on youth. Kiwanis clubs with more than 600,000 memaround the world participate in bers in more than 80 countries. projects under 'its "Young Membership in Kiwanis is open Children: Priority One" pro- to women and men who desire gram. Locally, clubs in this area personal involvement in the support area youth groups such leadership and improvement of

Girls Inc., Youth Soccer, little Several people have signed leagues and many scouting pro- up to join the new Kiwanis club grams. These clubs also partici- and met at the Chamber of pate in raising funds for Commerce community room Children's Causes each year; last Tuesday for breakfast. The with Kiwanis' donations sur- name "Elba Kiwanis Club" was passing the \$1M mark in 1999 selected and the club will tentaand totaling over \$ 1,350,000 in tively meet at the Chamber Building, 7-8 a.m. for a break-

having a canned food drive for Sandford, John-The Hanged overdue books, you may donate I am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica due fines and have your fine Bringing Elizabeth Home

Sanford, John-The Hanged Steel, Danielle—Safe Harbor Brown, Rita Mae—Full Cry UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON

Patterson, John—Big Bad Wolf Karon, Jan—Shepherds Abiding Perry, Ann—A Christmas Sanford, John—The Hanged





spring semester at EOCC Registration is open for

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New students may register at any EOCC location-the Interprise Campus, Ft. Rucker Site, Ozark Aviation Campus, or Mobile Aviation Center-through December 19 and January 5-8. New students will need to attend an Orientation session as well, These sessions are conducted at each of the locations, and students should contact the campus where they plan to enroll to

A few of these holiday Dirthday recently reserve attendance. Amanda Reeves, daughter of Community College 2004 Representatives of Kiwanis ticipate in these programs by first project of the Elba Kiwanis Ride, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Larry and Cindy Reeves, cele-International clubs in the developing projects that address Club is to organize and sponsor Reindeer. It Came Upon a brated her sixth birthday. 2003-2004 Catalog are available Southeastern Ala are organizing the needs of local children and a Key Club in Elba High Midnight Clear, Deck the Hall. November 25, 2003, Amanda is at the website, www.eocc.edu. a new Kiwanis club in Elba. youth. Kiwanis clubs in other School. This clubs provides O Christmas Tree, and The First the granddaughter of Bobby and Spring semester classes will

Lanette Boutwell and Carlton begin on January 9. Amanda had a party with her 347-2623, ext. 2234 at the classmates from Kinston Enterprise Campus, 598-3438 at Elementary at her home on the Ft. Rucker Site, 774-5113 at November 22. She received the Ozark Aviation Campus, or many nice gifts. Everyone had a 251-438-2816 at the Mobile



Amanda Reeves

The Enterprise-Ozark

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Christmas Family Fun Night set for

Dec. 11 at E.E.S

by Anna Harrison

Christmas Family Fun Night

s Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6-7

Children are invited to cele-

brate the season by making

ornaments for the school tree.

Several teachers will be con-

Parents are invited to join

heir children in the ornament

"how-to" classes, or they may

opt to attend a workshop with

school personnel that will intro-

duce and explain strategies and

activities that can be applied at

ducting these crafting classes.

The members of the Elba

Elementary School Talent Pool

were on a quest. A manners

quest to be exact. The event was

one similar to a scavenger hunt.

Each student has to cooperative-

ly participate in six manners

Quest 1: "BURRP" (Manners,

Quest 2; "Hello, I'm..."

Quest 3: "RING, RING, "Will

You Answer that, Please?'

Quest 4: "Please pass the..."

Quest 5: "Oh, you shouldn't

Quest 6: "Yes, Mr. President"

Everyone had to quietly pur-

sue the quest box. If anyone ran,

talked above a whisper, argued

by Katie Driggers

is Miss Lacy Jane Carlile.

This week's student spotlight

Lacy is the 17-year-old

daughter of Ricky and Debbie

Carlile. She is a senior at Elba

High School and involved in

many organizations including

the Spanish Club, Beta Club,

Mu Alpha Theta, Ambassadors,

Lady Tiger Softball, and vice

president of the Future Farmers

Outside of school Lacy

It is like being recruited to play ball."

Industrial Clubs of America,

and after graduation, Quentin

University. There, he intends to

enjoys swimming, horseback

of America.

for a college.

The students has to demon- in another classroom or com-

strate the manners/skills found posed a page in a manners man-

activities from the manners The goals of everyone who

quest menu had to be complet- participated were to learn and

Student Spotlight

riding and riding four wheelers. nament team was a fun experi-

Her favorite hobby is playing ence for me, but it was also a

for a fast pitch softball tournage great learning experience. I

Being chosen for a tourna- lete, while learning many new ment team is a very high honor. things about fast pitch soft-

Lacy says, "Being on a tour- keep up all your hard work!

Co-Op Spotlight

practice good manners for a dif-

Lacy Carlile

became a more disciplined ath-,

Congratulations Lacy and

in each quest box. Five practice ual to be given to their peers.

plete the quest box search.

have!" (Thank You Notes)

Who Needs 'em?)

(Telephone Manners)

(Table Manners)

(Official Protocol)

EES Talent Pool students complete quest

New Brockton School News Sponsors: Lori Cotney & Tracy Whittaker

FFA chapter enjoying successful year

Drew Donaldson, and Mark them were they are, and it sure-

exhibit for almost a month

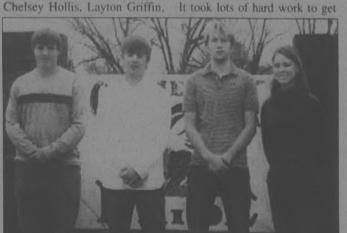
FFA chapters in the state.

by Sonya Hornsby

The members of the team are well.

Our FFA chapter has given us Since they were Alabama's Kentucky was an all-expense proud of something to rave about recent- Number One Team, they were paid trip. ly. This year has been a year of qualified to go and compete at Another accomplishment w success. FFA students have the National level at the the invitation to set up an exhib-

learned that hard work pays off. National FFA Convention in it at the Alabama National Fair. The Livestock team went to Louisville, Ky. They had to Jonathan Bryant and Nichole er practicing. After two days at State Competitions and brought compete against 46 other state- Estes had the privilege of setting home the win. They were the champion teams, and they repre- the exhibit up in Montgomery. State Champs for Livestock, sented the State of Alabama. The theme for this year was City, Missouri,



ON THE ROAD.....to FFA Nationals - On October 27, Mark Windham, Drew Donaldson, Layton Griffin and Chelsey Hollis left from the parking lot of NBHS en route to Louisville, Ky. Their mission: to represent the State of Alabama at the National FFA Competition in Livestock Judging. Although this bunch, led by Mr. Gunter, didn't bring back trophies, they brought back memories that can last a lifetime and the honor of being those few who have represented the N. B. H. S. FFA at the national level. Layton Griffin said, "It was cool because I saw people from all 50 states." The highlight of the trip for some was getting to go watch the horses race at Church-Hill Downs. For those of you who are unaware of what that is, it is where they race the Kentucky derby. After all was said and done, Chelsey Hollis told me, "It was altogether a fun trip and I was honored to represent Alabama."

Q&A: Being a Coach's Wife

10 Ch 1 Chach Hards C he would always run us wife. I recently had her answer by me to assure himself some questions about what it's would work.

What's the worst thing about like to be a coach's wife What's it like to be a coach's being a coach's wife? It takes a wife? First I have to mention that strong woman to be a coach's since Bren and I married in wife. Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant ber of the Varsity Cheerleading squad and the Lady Gamecocks March, we have not had the typi- said once there had to be a special cal husband-wife relationship. I place in heaven for a coach's wife. work evenings as a radiology He knew how difficult it was be technologist. I wasn't home when married to a coach during the Bren came in from football prac- football season. Bren knows how tice. Our evenings revolved hard it was for me on Sundays around phone calls and our when he had to go watch film. For Saturdays included relaxing and me the absences are the worst part watching college football. of being the wife of a coach. Sundays we went to church and Weekends were the only time we Winning Meat Judging Team. from there Bren had to rush to had to spend with each other and

The Roberts' Review...The Matrix Revolutions

The soft grass outside until dark. We made it through had one day a week together. one football season together, I am What's the best thing about Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence (Laurence Fishburne), and Freshly cut grass pretty sure we can make it being a coach's wife? The best Fishburne, Hugo Weaving, and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) set The west grass between my toes Fire through another one. During the thing about being married to a Jada Pinkett Smith week, when I would talk to Bren coach—for me—is seeing pas- Directors: Andy and Larry soon enough, and realizes what juice

on the phone, I could hear from sion in Bren He knew in high Wachowski the tone of his voice if there was a school he wanted to coach footgood or bad practice. I didn't hear ball. He loves football and I love Well, what to say. The Matrix Trinity go to the machine city to by Krista Thomas a lot about the good practices. It to see him get excited about a win. Revolutions was possibly the do battle with Smith, and Santa was the bad practices that I heard about. He would tell me how him find out why New Brockton was anticipated movie of the Morpheus, Niobe (Jada Pinkett Jolly and fat Rose things happened and I would tell lost and what can be done to cor- Return of the King. And I'll head to liberate Zion. whether he took my advice and Most influential person in your expectations. Revolutions picks never cease to surprise you. Red

used it on the football field, I may life? The most influential person up exactly where Reloaded left Just when you think you've got Is the color of an evening sky in my life is my mother. She off. Smith (Hugo Weaving) is it figured out, something else How are things New Brockton raised my younger sister and me growing even closer to control- will happen. It's definitely Blue wins? How are things when New by herself and she did a good job. ling the Matrix and the real worth the \$6.50 to get in, but I by Cassidy Moore Brockton loses? With a New She is the strongest woman I world. The machine army is on would suggest watching the The care free sky Brockton win, as with a New know. I want to be just like her. its way to destroy the last human first two movies before going A restless river running Brockton loss, things around the Favorite kind of music? I listen city, Zion. And Zion's only to see it. Well, I would give The aroma of a salty sea house were pretty much the same. to all kinds of music. I like any-hope, Neo (Keanu Reeves) lies this one an A-. Well, I'll see Sadness of creeping death When there was a win, naturally thing from hip-hop to classical. in a coma aboard a ship, yall next with the results of Cheerful fresh blueberry pie just Green Bren was pleased. And he would- Best advice you could give a Believing that Neo is some- Return of the King. n't be upset at a loss. No matter student? Don't grow up too fast. what the outcome of the game Be a teenager as long as you can. Bren would sit at our kitchen table Make mistakes—lots of them. and review plays and search out a Unfortunately, making mistakes

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better way to run a particular play. is the best way to learn.

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Students bring home first place from National 4-H Meat Judging Competition

Two of New Brockton's very own, Heather Carroll and John Sawyer, traveled to Kansas City, Mo to compete in meat judging for Coffee County 4-H. Their eam brought home first place and a national title that our ly paid off. The trip to school, county, and state is very

Before the contest day, as you

er since 1991. They put in a lot kicked them out for taking picof hard work, and they were tures!! After going to six stores delighted to hear that their they finally got to have some Before they competed they team, and the determination we hours at the mall shopping and "appropriately", which included all!" In addition to being named State just looking around! Champs for Livestock and their The day of the competition white over jacket on top of it, to give some credit to their lead-

Whitney Donaldson - Whitney is the daughter of Bernice and

Wanda Arrington of Chancellor. He is a member of FFA, and works

Heather Carroll - Heather is a senior at NBHS and is the daugh-

TOP READERS...These New Brockton Elementary School stu-

dents already have acquired over 100 points in the accelerated

Culverhouse, Adrianna Lee, Cassidy Moore and Stephanie

Beavers. Not pictured is Alexis Hall.

reader program. They are (from left): Justin Farris, Seth

he has to do. He must travel to

for WKNI, posting news of their web page.

Fair Exhibit, our FFA chapter tions for the team. They traveled on top of that!!! was to follow. N.B.H.S. Students of the Month

> were back in Auburn! Both Heather and John Kansas and win without Dr.

fun! We all as a team enjoyed 13 years of judging meat. he hard-work dedicated to the owner character."

exhibit placed third and won fun. They spent the next few had to be sure they were dressed all had made it mean more to us an extremely thick meat jacket, a Heather and John would like

John Sawyer and Heather Carroll

success at the Alabama State was a day full of mixed emogloves, a hairnet, and a hard-hat ers. Dr. William R. Jones is the head of the Meat Sciences vas named one of the Top 5 to Kansas State University and The team was all relieved after Department at Auburn prepped themselves for what the contest. On the day of the University. He accompanied awards they were all nervous. them on the trip and served as a The team ended up winning first co-instructor along with in the nation by 13 points!!! Extension agent Stan Windham. Then it was time for the long However, this is Dr. Jones' last journey home. I heard that some year serving as head of his people hardly woke up until they department. The team would not have been able to make it to

> believe this trip benefited them Jones and Mr. Stan's insight and guidance. They believe they owe Heather said, "The trip overall—a great debt of gratitude to them. was a collage of hard-work and Heather and John's combined determination mixed in with years of experience totals over

what we were doing and being John said, "Me, Heather, with each other! Aside from all Carrie, and Ann, the team, the practicing we did, we regret that this has to be our enjoyed some downtime. True last time around, but don't winning first was a great accom- regret the experience, the peobut the time spent, ple, or the effect this has had

Elementary Canned Food Drive by Kristin Wood and Justin Griswold

Josephine Donaldson of New Brockton. She is actively involved in The New Brockton Elementary S.G.A. is holding a Can Food FFA, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and she is also a mem-Drive. It will start Monday, Dec. 8, and end Friday, Dec. 12. The whole school will participate by bringing canned foods to school. Travis Arrington – Travis is a Junior and is the son of James and The S.G.A. will donate all the food to the Christian Mission.

Language arts students write poems

The Sunset

Tangerines

by Missy Osborn

The calm ocean

Loud thunder

My soft jacket

Is the color of the sky

by Brittany Whitehead

The delight of a florist

The outside world in summer

The stick briars in your finger

The joy of cabbage on Sunday

A leather coat withared stain

The bitterness of half caten

The crunching of leaves under

muffins

Blue

Is the color of a firey hot day.

The sour smelling of gummey

The scrumptious blueberry

Orange

ter of Greg and Debra Carroll of New Brockton. She is the FCCLA Students in Mrs. Diane Tires rolling down a street President, 2003 State FCCLA 1st Vice President, Sr. Beta Club English's Language Arts class The smelly stinch of burning President, Historian/Publicist for Tri-M, and is a member of the recently wrote color poems. rubber Advisory Council Science Club, SGA, and the 2003 National They are as follows:

The bitterness of burnt meat loaf Green Orange Starring: Keanu Reeves, where in the Matrix, Morpheus The roaring of a lawn mower by Shelby Brown out to look for him. He's found A cup of refreshing kiwi fruit Raging-Wild and Free

the machine colony. So Neo and Red

have to say. It lived up to its All in all this movie will T-shirt

Lavender by Adriana M. Lee The stainless tile on the floor The rustling of a jacket A fresh, sweet smelling tulip The coziness of a brand new comforter The bitter sweetness of flouride by Adina Smith

The brightness of an angel, her voice as soft as the wind. Her perfume of white musk. by Justin Emond The magnificent sparkling Roasted marshmellows on a The clouds of velvet in the sky, cold night. Gentle waves hitting the quiet The fish smell of the ocean

The gentle waves running by Shane Wilkerson through your leg The shadow of a dark mob car The zest of fresh seafood The whining of brakes Just fired gun smoke Black by Tevin McNair The dark silence of the night sky licorice stick

by Mary Katherine Head This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Quentin Robinson, the 18year-old son of Freddie and Tracey Robinson and a senior here at Elba High. Quentin is employed by Dorsey Trailers Incorporated, where he is a welder. When Quentin's not working, he also enjoys playing basketball and just having fun. He is a member of the Vocational and

plans on attending Florida State Quentin Robinson major in business management Congratulations, Quentin, on Spotlight!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK...I wonder where Mason's going?



Editors: Brittany Cooper & Alex Allen

ior class sold \$14,824.16.

For the past three and a half The top sellers were: weeks, the juniors have been 1st-Lyndsay Lawford selling magazines to raise 2nd Jennifer Waters money for the prom, and every 3rd-Alison Smith unior did his/her part in raising Congratulations to the junior ing achievement. he thousands of dollars for class for all of their hard work. Light refreshments will be

Kathy Pattie, made a deal with And speaking for the senior for at home crafting to make all the juniors that if they sold class, even though you all didn't the ornaments presented during or refused to cooperate, he or After the activities, a manners ferent amount of settings and she would be ineligible to comcould dye her hair any color of you for raising that much To register call the Elba they wanted to! At the end of the money!

home to increase students' readso they can have a really great served. All who attend will receive step-by-step directions

Elementary School office.

Elba Elementary's Kids' Korner Gift Shoppe proves successful

their gifts wrapped. by Christy Eubanks The Kids' Korner Gift Shoppe chance to make good shopping

proved to be a success. teers assisted them in making receiving. candleholders, ceramic fig- support of the community and urines, erasers, toys, paper- Mrs Lynn Baker, weights and stained glass light Thank you for supporting

Talent Pool students learn manners to last a lifetime

dent either led a manners lesson manners a lifelong practice.

real store. There they could have

The gift shop offered them the decisions. It also taught them Children were allowed to that giving could be just as come in and shop while volun- important and just as fun as good decisions. Prices ranged The success of the Kids' from 25 cents to \$8. Items avail- Korner Gift Shoppe would not able to buy included candles, have been possible without the

Elba Elementary in their efforts

Then they went to a check out to teach the young students line just like if they were in a valuable life lessons.



These students look at a wide variety of gifts offered at the Kids'

School Reminders:

by Brittany Cooper

• Juniors who need to pay in for paying the \$20 fee for conorder to attend the prom should vention is Wednesday, Dec. 17. pay by Thursday, Dec. 18. • The Christmas party (Jr.Beta • Seniors who need to pay in & Chi Alpha Mu) at Mrs. Davis' order to attend the prom should home is Friday, Dec. 12, from

pay by Tuesday, Jan. 6. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring finger · VICA members who want a food, \$5 gift and one can of t-shirt, sign up in Mr. Lawford's food.

room. Cost is \$9.25 and \$10.25

(XL or larger).

• Jr. Beta members: Deadline

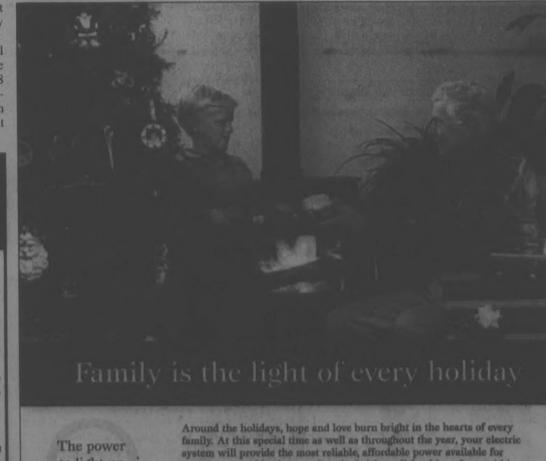
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Dec. 15-18, 2003 BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice,

nday - Taco Salad, Com or Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk Tuesday - Fishburger, Baked Beans, French Fries, Ice Cream, Milk Vednesday - Turkey Wiggle, com, English Peas, Sweet tatoes, Roll, Milk uraday - No Lunch idents Dismiss at 11:20 a.m Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!!

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One Christmas tradition that comes to the Mularz house late majority of softball players all every afternoon involves turning on the various decorations and see- across the nation, for a trio of ing just which lights won't come back on. At least one strand of Elba girls last year's softball lights on the tree or one smaller lighted decoration fails to light up season lasted throughout the almost every afternoon, and while it usually takes only a few min-summer and carried them across utes to get everything back on, after a few days turning on the lights the Southeast. gets to be an adventure. Guess working with the lights is one tradition we try to forget from year to year.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers evened their record at 3-3 Saturday night based out of Dothan, carried with an overtime win over New Brockton, and while the win was both a 16 and Under and a 12 big and gave the Elba fans bragging rights over their neighbors from and Under team to most tournaacross the county, it wasn't the best of weeks for the Tigers as they ments, and Carlile was the olddropped two of three games at home. The Tigers scored only 51 est player on the 16 and Under points in a loss to Opp and followed it with a 37-point performance squad. The team's schedule in a defeat to Enterprise, then scored only 43 points during regula- included a tournament in St. tion in the overtime win over the Gamecocks. Elba has played well Louis, Missouri, in which the enough on the defensive end to have a few more wins on the season. Attack placed third. The team but the Tigers lack of scoring punch has kept all their games close claimed one tournament chambang bodies with any team on their schedule, but they also have ers. Carlile was a centerfielder some players that can run the court and shoot from behind the three- for the team and plans to play Lindsey Carnley and Lacy Carlile. point line. Maybe soon the Tigers will find a happy medium and the again this summer, before conpoints will mount as the wins add up.

es ever to pound New Brockton on Saturday night to claim their first lessons three times a week and played in five tournaments durwin of the young season. The Lady Tigers had been clobbered 82- hopes to be able to help the ing the summer, winning three Lady Tigers. 30 on Thursday night in a nightmare, but bounced back against their Lady Tigers as both an outfield and placing second in the other Lindsey Carnley played with the team played in tournaments neighbors from across the county and downed the Lady Gamecocks er and a pitcher during the 2004 two. The team ended its season a 10 and Under team named the for older teams they placed by over thirty points. It looks like the Elba girls aren't quite sure just season. what they supposed to do at times and go through spans when they Stephanie Baxley played lose their way to the basket. If they can settle in and learn their positive distribution of the basket and outrieder of the basket and outrieder of the basket. If they can settle in and learn their positive distribution of the basket and outrieder of the basket. If they can settle in and learn their positive distribution of the basket and outrieder of the basket. If they can settle in and learn their positive distribution of the basket and outrieder of the basket and outrieder of the basket. If they can settle in and learn their positive distribution of the basket and outrieder of t tions the guess here is that there are many more wins ahead for the and Under tournament team the Super 12 last season as a girls age nine that played on the tournament career this summer. Lady Tigers.

*** One of the surprise teams of the early season has been the Zion Chapel Rebels. While it is true the Rebels closed last week Zion Chapel suffers tough home with a 1-4 record, the Rebels have played every team tough and could very well have at least three or four wins on their side of the loss to Florala Wildcats 69-62 ledger with a little luck. Luke Taylor has emerged as one of the area's top scorers and is a threat from both sides of the three-point The Zion Chapel Rebels host- owned a 39-34 lead with 1:21 line, while the Rebels play very aggressive on defense and really get ed the undefeated Florala left, only to see the Rebels rally after their opponents. Keep an eye on the guys from up in Jack, they Wildcats Friday night and gave and pull even at 39-39 at the half might just have a few surprises up their sleeves.

*** I went up to Birmingham Saturday morning to support scare before falling 69-62. a three-pointer at the buzzer by Luverne in their bid to bring home a state championship and braved The loss dropped Zion Luke Taylor. wind chills in the 20's to cheer them on in the second half as a late Chapel's record to 1-4, while Zion Chapel regained the lead rally fell just short. Luverne got pounded way back in its August Florala improved to 5-0 with the early in the third quarter on a opener by Opp and many felt Coach Mike Dubose was headed for win. another losing season, but somewhere along the line the Tigers Florala jumped out to a quick regained control and took its bought into Coach Dubose's system and as the season rolled along 3-0 lead with a three-point bas- biggest lead of the stanza at 52ical team to make the Super Six and had some youngsters starting in first quarter, but the Rebels three-pointer by Luke Taylor cut key positions. However, Luverne showed true character in rallying showed everyone in attendance the Wildcat lead to 52-49 headfrom a 21-0 halftime deficit to make it a game. My hat is off to that they had come to play as ing into the fourth quarter, but Coach Dubose, his staff and his players for a great season, and for they scored the next seven the Wildcats responded with a 7one day last week I was proud to be a Tiger fan.

*** It is amusing to sit back and watch the accusations flying lead with 5:55 remaining in the with 7:24 remaining Florala was around at Auburn, and all of a sudden it looks like Coach Tommy quarter. Abe Childs scored four on top 59-51. Tuberville may actually come out of the mess stronger than he was points during the Rebel rally, The Wildcats' lead grew to before. The board members, college president and athletic director while Josh Smith and Luke 63-53 with 4:45 left on the that led the search to find Tuberville's replacement are now on the Taylor combined to hit on three clock. However, the Rebels hot seat, and by the time the controversy ends Tuberville may get of four free-throw opportunities. refused to quit and behind the the last laugh when he comes to work and the others that tried to fire Zion Chapel moved ahead 15- play of Josh Smith and Abe him are unemployed. As sunny as it might be for Tuberville at this 7 with 3:03 left in the quarter. Childs staged another rally to time, I agree with former Auburn coach Terry Bowden when he said after a driving day-up by Josh cut the lead to 65-59 with 1:50 last week that the Auburn coach shouldn't gloat quite yet, because Smith, and took its bragest lead still left in the game. Florala if powerful Auburn alum Bobby Lowder wants to change coaches. of the quarter with 1:16 remaina change will take place!

*** All the Alabama fans are anxiously awaiting news about four free-throws over a nine- a last-second three-pointer by coaching changes at Tuscaloosa, and the rumor that is heard the second span to give the Rebels a Jamey White was not enough as most is that former Tide assistant Bill Oliver is coming home to take 20-11 advantage. over the defense. I don't know what changes will take place, but I Zion Chapel moved on top Luke Taylor scored 20 points agree that unless Mike Shula makes changes in his staff his stay at 26-15 early in the second quarto lead Zion Chapel, while Abe Bama will be short, and not so sweet.

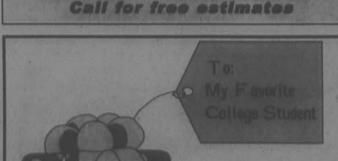
*** In closing.... Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on 5 of 6 state the Rebels remained in com- Matthews scored 26 points to title picks last week to close out the season with a 334-56 record. mand as they owned a 31-21 lead Florala. The local guesspert had one of his best year's in quite some time, lead with 6:23 left in the stanza and even had a perfect week back during the regular season. Thanks after two free-throws by Austin for making things interesting, and giving area fans something to fuss Smith. about. Next season will be here before you know it and you will Florala scored the quarter's have an hard act to follow after your success this season.

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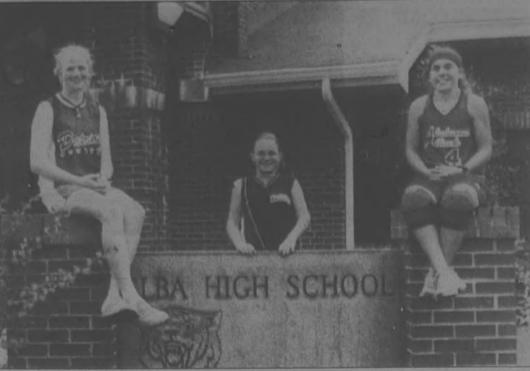
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Elba girls enjoy summer softball success

they would reply late spring or early summer. While that

High School, played softball last summer with a fast-pitch tournament team named



and has been a factor in all three losses. The Tigers do have three pionship during the tournament ELBA SOFTBALL STANDOUTS....these three Elba girls had big summers on the players that can score from the inside and have enough muscle to season and placed in many oth-softball field playing with tournament teams. Pictured are (1-r) Stephanie Baxley.

tinuing her career in college. named the "Patriots." The team and outfielder during the sum- naments and placed second in

pitcher, but played both pitcher team. The team won seven tour-

*** The Elba Lady Tigers rebounded from one of their worst loss- She is currently taking pitching is based out of Dothan and mer, and hopes to play both four, and didn't place below secwith a third place finish in the "Liberty Belles." The team was third. Lindsey played both World Series at Niceville, based out of Enterprise, and pitcher and outfielder on the

the highly-touted 'Cats quite a after a basket by Jamie Wise and

points of the stanza to take a 7-3 2 run to open the quarter and

ing when Smith connected on points late in the game, and even

ter on a Luke Taylor jumper, and Childs added 15. Tristan

next eight points to cut the Florala (69): Hobdy 3, Joiner Zion Chapel's Luke Taylor (15) eyes a free-throw

Rebel lead to 31-29 with 4:54 11, Matthews 26, Williams 2, duing the Rebels' 69-62 loss Friday night to Florala. left in the half, and the Wildcats caught the Rebels at 34-34 with Thompson 12, Smiley 3, Gettis Taylor scored 20 points in the loss. 3:27 still left in the second quar- 3.

ter. A long three-pointer gave Z.C. (62): J. Smith 7, A. Lady Rebels fell to Florala 60-13 the Wildcats a 37-34 lead with Smith 8, White 7, Taylor 20, 2:47 remaining, and Florala Childs 15, Wise 2.

Troy State rodeo team concludes struggles Friday night with a 60- three-minute span, but the Lady season with finish in Kentucky

The Troy State rodeo team on Saturday in Murray, Ky., Chapel's record to 0-4, while Keri Senn hit a free-throw concluded its 2003 fall schedule with its best finish of the season. Florala improved its record to 7- with 6:26 left as Zion Chapel Overall, the TSU men's team 0 with the win. finished in third-place, with 180 Neither team could find its was the last points the Lady points, while the TSU women's way to the basket early in the Rebels would score as Florala team finished in a tie for fourth- opening stanza as the game rolled to the easy 60-13 win. place, with 20 total points.

the Rebels took the loss 69-62.

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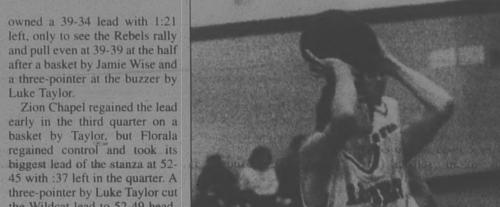
scoreboard read 0-0 after nearly Nessa Wambles scored 6 The men's team was led by four minutes of play. The Lady points to lead Zion Chapel, junior Lance Arviso. Arviso Wildcats finally scored with while Latoya Wilson led Florala took first-place in the steer 4:19 remaining on a three-point- with 18 points. wrestling event and teamed with er by Brittany Carson, while the sophomore John Perrett for sec- Lady Rebels, didn't score until ond-place in the team roping only 55-seconds were left in the

The Lady Trojans were led by jumper to pull the Lady Rebels Florala (60): Windham 3. senior Heather Jones in the within 9-2. breakaway roping event. Jones
posted a time of 3.7 seconds in
the long run and a time of 4.1

Ellis hit a free-throw with
6:04 left in the second quarter to
cut Florala's lead to 13-3.

Wambles 6, Ellis 3, Senn 1. seconds in the short run. The 7.8 However, the Lady Rebels next second average was good for a points didn't come until :19 SUPPORT YOUR were left in the half when Nessa fourth-place overall.

The Murray State rodeo was Wambles scored on a driving | PAVORITE TEAM the fall season finale for the lay-up, and at the half Florala TSU rodeo team. The team will went in with a big 24-6 advanbe back in action Feb. 5-7, when they travel to Starkville, Miss., Kim Rayborn and Nessa to compete at Mississippi State Wambles sparked a Lady Rebel rally midway through the third



The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels quarter as Zion Chapel continued their early-season outscored Florala 4-0 over a

13 loss to the Florala Lady Wildcats closed the quarter with

Wildcats, in Zion Chapel. a 7-0 run to carry a 39-12 lead

pulled to within 39-13, but it

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Freeman 10, Campbell 3, Cobb

WITH YOUR

EMPTY SEATS

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ATTENDANCE ...

The loss dropped Zion into the final stahza.

stanza as Shaun Ellis hit a short

OPP 59 ELBA 52 The Elba Lady Tigers battled Tunisia Thigpen scored 11

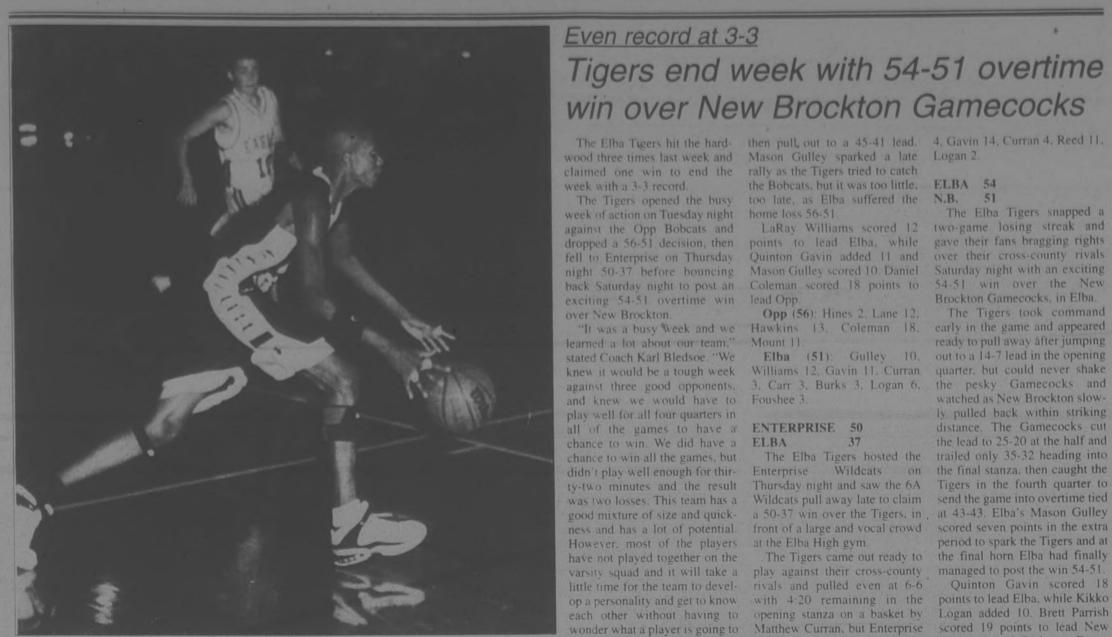
before absorbing a hard fought Enterprise with 19 points. 59-52 loss, last Tuesday night in E'prise (82): Waters 1, Jones Elba. The Lady Tigers stunned 6, Hunter 4, Jennings 10, Opp early on and jumped out to Chambers 8, Hilton 8, K. Jones a 21-14 lead after one quarter of 8, Thomas 19, S. Thomas 2, Bobcats took advantage of

play, but saw their shooting Morrison 5, Love 3, Barkley 8. touch go cold in the second Elba (30): T. Thigpen 11, F. quarter and at the half owned a Thigpen 7, Proctor 5, Waddail 4, slim 27-24 advantage. The Lady Lawford 2, Reynolds 1.

wide open. -



Elba Lady Tiger Whitney Lawford (10) looks to make a pass in recent action. The Lady Tigers claimed their first win Saturday night over New Brockton.



Elba Tiger Quinton Gavin (in black) drives to the basket during a recent Elba win. do in a certain situation. The began to dominate late in the Brockton and Rishawn Foster Gavin scored 18 points Saturday night to lead the Tigers to a 54-51 overtime win over New Brockton as Elba evened their record at 3-3.

stretch their lead to 29-14. The

lead into the locker room at the

half, then used a 19-0 run in the

third quarter to blow the game

Grab first win of season

Lady Tigers clobber New Brockton

week with a 59-52 loss to Opp added 17. Saturday night to defeat New Crittenden 20.

Leroy Carnley, "and it showed a lot of character in the girls to ENTERPRISE 82 come back and play hard after ELBA 30 to stay focused and recover. came out ready to play and Elba (53): Proctor 12, T. the half. The Tigers lost their E'prise (50): Wilson 4, 1. This bunch has the ability to win trailed only 13-12 after one Thigpen 3, L. Thigpen 19, shooting touch in the third quar- Williams 9, Mann 7, Couch 8, some games and maybe the win quarter of play, but watched as Reynolds 10, Wood 2, Bryant 5, ter; however, and Opp took Gray 7, Phillips 2, D. Williams over New Brockton will be the Enterprise opened the second N.B. (22): Eaton 5, Brantley advantage of Elba's shooting 14. spark we have been looking quarter with a 16-2 run to 2, Loman 11, Adams 4.

Following are highlights of Lady Wildcats carried a 36-22 last week's games:

the Opp Lady Bobcats from the points to lead Elba, while opening tip to the final horn LaShunda Thomas led Elba's shooting woes to grab a ELBA 53 38-34 lead in the third quarter, N.B. 22

ued their busy early-season rally to escape with a 59-52 win. their first win of the season court. schedule last week and salvaged Ayonna Proctor scored 20 Saturday night by rolling past Following are highlights of free-throws by Mason Gulley a big win over New Brockton on points to lead Elba, while the New Brockton Lady last week's action. Saturday night to close the week Tunisia Thigpen added 10. Kim Gamecocks 53-22, in Elba, The Crittenden scored 20 points to Lady Tigers got off to a slow The Lady Tigers opened the lead Opp and Sasha Musgrove start and owned a slim 7-6 lead ELBA 51 after one quarter of play, but. The Elba Tigers hosted the were very much alive as they

Elba (52): Proctor 20. 10 halftime advantage. Elba Bobcats pulled ahead and then the game after two free-throws Friday, Dec. 12 "We really needed to win over Lawford 2, Waddail 7, Reynolds continued its dominance in the held on to leave town with a 56- by Marchello Reed, but two Andalusia Christmas New Brockton," said Coach 4, F. Thigpen 9, T. Thigpen 10. third quarter as its lead grew to 51 win.

big 53-22 win.

fell to Enterprise on Thursday Quinton Gavin added 11 and over their cross-county rivals night 50-37 before bouncing Mason Gulley scored 10. Daniel Saturday night with an exciting back Saturday night to post an Coleman scored 18 points to 54-51 win over the New exciting 54-51 overtime win lead Opp.

learned a lot about our team," - Mount 11.

and knew we would have to Foushee 3. play well for all four quarters in all of the games to have a ENTERPRISE 50

chance to win. We did have a ELBA 37 However, most of the players at the Elba High gym.

have not played together on the The Tigers came out ready to the final horn Elba had finally varsity squad and it will take a play against their cross-county managed to post the win 54-51. little time for the team to devel- rivals and pulled even at 6-6 Quinton Gavin scored 18 op a personality and get to know with 4:20 remaining in the points to lead Elba, while Kikko each other without having to opening stanza on a basket by Logan added 10. Brett Parrish wonder what a player is going to Matthew Curran, but Enterprise scored 19 points to lead New schedule will not be easier over first quarter and grabbed its added 11, Christmas Tournament. So, we quarter. Elba got an inside buck- Logan 10, Rogers 1. and become a team no matter cut the Wildcats' lead to 16-13 Foster 4, Lee 2, R. Foster 11. who might be on the floor. One at the half. However, Enterprise Fox 6, Parrish 19, Owens 7, thing is certain, we will work opened the third quarter with a hard to improve and will play 10-5 run and regained command | HIGH SCHOOL The Elba Lady Tigers contin- and then turned back a late Elba The Elba Lady Tigers claimed hard every time we take the by opening up a 26-18 lead midway through the stanza. Two

and an 82-30 setback to Opp (59): Osbora 11, came to life in the second stanza Opp Bobcats last Tuesday night headed into the fourth quarter (Elba & New Brockton) 17. Mack 11. and outscored New Brockton and never recovered from a distrailing only 30-26. Elba got as Opp Jr. at Elba (5:00) 24-4 to take a commanding 31- astrous fourth quarter as the close as 34-33 with 4:05 left in

43-18 and the Lady Tigers never Quinton Gavin paced the shot resulted in six straight looked back as they rolled to the Tiger offense both inside and Wildcat points, and the Cats hit Saturday, Dec. 13 from the corner in the opening their free-throws down the Andalusia Christmas the big loss to Enterprise. We The Elba Lady Tigers proved LaFondra Thigpen scored 19 stanza as he scored 9 points to stretch to ice the 50-37 win.

Tiger turnovers and a missed

know what we have to do to win to be no match for their neight points to lead Elba, while help the Tigers sneak out to a Quinton Gavin scored 14 basketball games, and when we bors from across the county as Ayonna Proctor added 12 and 13-12 lead, while Kikko Logan points and Marchello Reed Monday, Dec. 15 are able to play well and execute they were pounded by the Yoyo Reynolds scored 10. muscled inside in the second added 11 to lead Elba, while Elba Jr. at Fleeta (4:00) we can win. When we don't we Enterprise Lady Wildcats 82-30. Maressa Loman scored 11 stanza and led a balanced attack Dehonis Williams led the Samson at N.B. (4:30) are just not experienced enough. Thursday night in Elba. Elba points to lead New Brockton. as Elba pulled ahead 33-27 at. Wildcats with 14 points.

woes to catch the Tigers and Elba (37): Gulley 2, Williams

win over New Brockton Gamecocks

week with a 3-3 record. the Bobcats, but it was too little, ELBA 54

The Tigers opened the busy too late, as Elba suffered the N.B. 51

against the Opp Bobcats and LaRay Williams scored 12 two-game losing streak and dropped a 56-51 decision, then points to lead Elba, while gave their fans bragging rights Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

Opp (56): Hines 2, Lane 12. The Tigers took command "It was a busy week and we Hawkins 13. Coleman 18, early in the game and appeared stated Coach Karl Bledsoe. "We Elba (51): Gulley 10, out to a 14-7 lead in the opening knew it would be a tough week Williams 12, Gavin 11, Curran, quarter, but could never shake against three good opponents, 3, Carr 3, Burks 3, Logan 6, the pesky Gamecocks and

the lead to 25-20 at the half and chance to win all the games, but The Elba Tigers hosted the trailed only 35-32 heading into didn't play well enough for thir- Enterprise Wildcats on the final stanza, then caught the ty-two minutes and the result. Thursday night and saw the 6A. Tigers in the fourth quarter to was two losses. This team has a Wildcats pull away late to claim send the game into overtime tied good mixture of size and quick- a 50-37 win over the Tigers, in at 43-43. Elba's Mason Gulley ness and has a lot of potential. front of a large and vocal crowd scored seven points in the extra period to spark the Tigers and at

the coming weeks and we will biggest lead of the half at 16-9 Elba (54): Gulley 7, Williams compete in the Andalusia with 2:51 left in the second 7. Gavin 18, Curran 7. Reed 4, need to find that oneness soon et from Marchello Reed late to N.B. (51): Stuckey 2, D.

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Some recipes can be altered

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OTICE OF HEARING ON
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ox played an instrumental member of that group, and of others. le in getting two very impor- through many phone calls. He came to Elba to work at int projects moving forward - written letters and several trips the paper in the 60s for his aunt he levee renovation and new to Washington, D.C. and and then owner, Lucile McRay. Following the 1998 flood, force enjoyed much success in business and has enjoyed much ien Gov. Fob James appointed their venture. number of people to the His leadership again pre- news reporting while at the jovernor's Flood Control Task vailed with the new Veterinary same time taking into account

orce. This group was asked to Diagnostic Lab project as the environment of a small estigate and recommend a obstacles had to be overcome in town.

(Continued from Page One) authorization to begin paper- * Approved a motion to list all Senior Citizens Center. work for a road project on county surplus equipment on the Commissioner Linda Westbrook

Approved a motion reap- bids. The county uses Citizen Center uses a vehicle ointing Mike Thompson GovDeals.com. District 4) and Voncile Peavey * Approved a motion to allow department, and it works well Jessie Lewis to check and see if The next meeting of the Approved a motion reap- one of the vehicles from the Coffee County Commission will inting Ferrin Cox (District 3) sheriff's department set to be be Monday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m. in and Billy Mixson (District 7) to sold as surplus equipment is the community room of the

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Father/son enjoy football season together

Charlie Marler and 8-yea-old son Ryan "Buck" completed their third football season weekend.

father-son, coach and player, duo and the 95 pound division CenterPoint Wolfpack football team out of Birmingham have been defeated only one time!

Last year the Wolfpack played a whooping 19 games and only gave up a total of 12 points, outscoring their opponents 283 to 12. This season the Wolfpack played 14 games and gave up only 21 points making them undefeated for the last two

Charlie considers himself very lucky to have such an outstanding group of young athletes on the team, and Ryan holds down the starting positions of defensive tackle, offensive center and all specialty The CenterPoint Wolfpack

has also claimed the title for the Snapper Bowl Championship, held in Panama City Beach, Florida, for the last two years. The Snapper Bowl begins each year on Thanksgiving Day

Charlie and Ryan "Buck" Marler and continues through Saturday Charlie graduated Elba High favorite sport and the only thing he United States participate and Rue Marler. each year in the bowl game. Ryan says that football is his Elba.

afternoon. Teams from all over in 1983 and is the son of Carol he enjoys more is fishing with

Riley awards funds to assist families of murder victims Gov. Bob Riley has awarded 31 central and south Alabama members with immediate tasks \$80,275 to a Montgomery counties. The center, sponsored including funeral planning and agency to help families of mur- by Victims of Crime and notification, dealing with the

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The Montgomery Angel "The trauma caused by the are provided support in death House Counseling Center pro- sudden loss of a loved one investigations and court provides the service to residents in through a violent death can ceedings. ilies," Riley said. "Angel House House are: Autauga, Barbour, provides services to help fami- Bullock, Butler Chambers, SERVICE lies deal with the immediate Chilton, Clarke, Coffee, shock of losing a family mem- Conecuh, Coosa, Covington. AVAILABLE ber and they continue to work Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, with survivors to enable them to Elmore, Escambia, Geneva, lead lives that are as normal as Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, THE ELBA

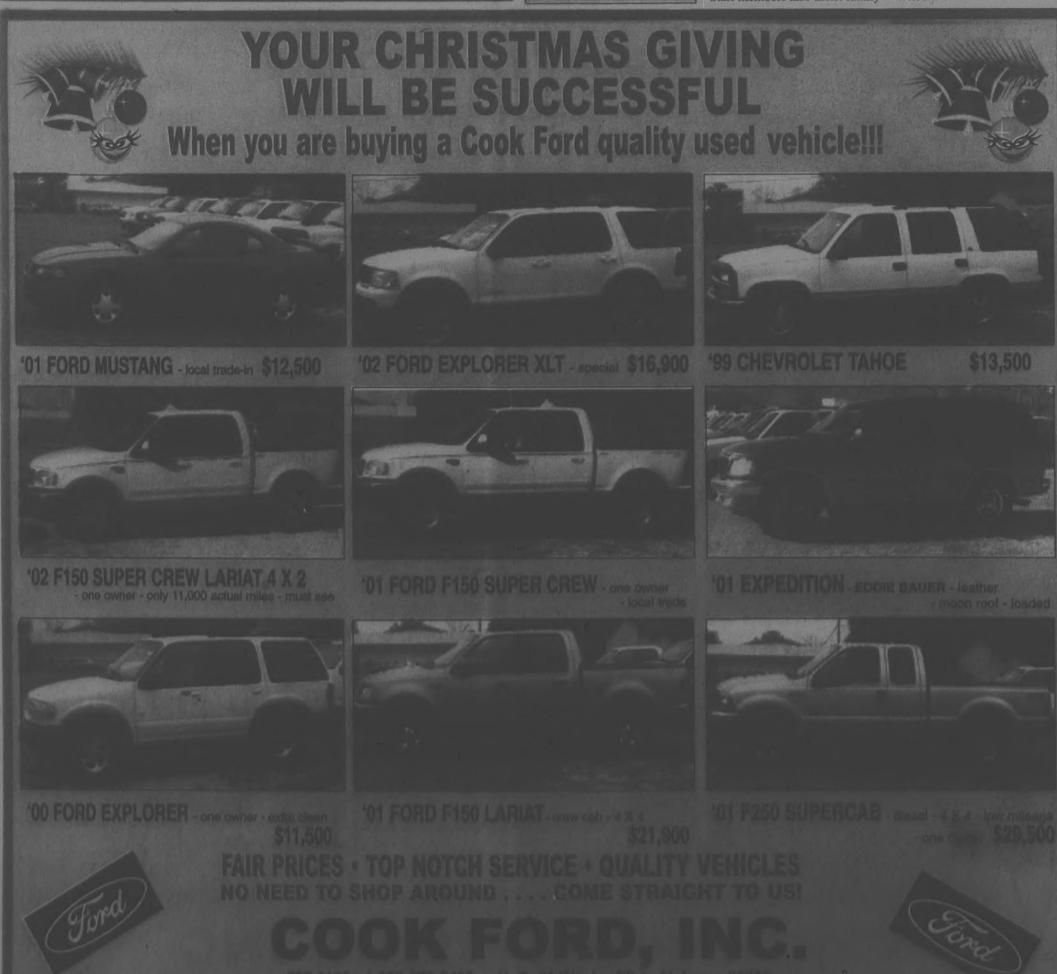
assistance program.

and long-term grief counseling. Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa and Staff members also assist family Wilcox.

his papa at his catfish pond in

der victims come to terms with Leniency operates a 24-hour media and any personal legal destroy lives and tear apart fam- Counties served by Angel

Macon, Monroe, Montgomery, The program provides short Perry, Pike, Randolph, Russell,



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Annsley Padgett celebrates her fifth birthday



holds annual Christmas

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Coffee County Sheriff's Department searching for church burglars

Department requests the help of Nov. 30, with \$3,200 worth of currency stolen.

Moates, there "The public is Thursday, Dec. \$1,200 in damages to the build- or suspicious activity or suspi- from these churches should call enforcement agency reported since aware not only of hold furnishings Sunday. Nov. this criminal activi- stolen and \$250 30, and almost all involved ty in the rural building. musical instru- churches but also * Mount city animal shelter well under

ment being the home in the God Church, into its new facility. taken from the county during the located on "We're excited," animal conbuilding. He holiday season," Coffee County trol officer George Homyak Road 330 - bur- said. "I think it's a stepping buildings also Coffee County glary reported stone for animal control." have suffered Sheriff Ben Moates Friday, Dec. 12, Animal control's headquar-

cil gave final approval to the in these slots.

from forced entry by the burglars. involved," Moates said. equipment stolen.

building.

to have taken place during the 5 4 - burglary reported Boswell Street across from the nighttime hours with possibly Saturday, Dec. 13, with \$550 Elba work release facility, will the same group of associates worth of instruments and sound have housing capacity for 21 The rural churches reporting * Holloway Tabernacle facility, said Homyak.

burglaries during this time Assembly of God Church, Other features of the new located on Coffee County Road facility will include automatic he said. * Zoar Community Church, 639 - burglary reported Sunday, watering systems and electricity The shelter has an open-air located on Coffee County Road Dec. 14, with \$658.76 worth of in each pen and larger pen areas, design, but the insulated roof,

Council accepts fire chief's resignation letter

two meetings on Tuesday police officers. He noted two many times over.

Trailers. Mayor James Grimes Whitworth recommended, and pal elections.

interest development loan. The dog handler, Officer Austin

\$66,402.78 were approved for dog as his personal pet, which

local citizens in identifying the instruments and sound equip- * Faith Chapel Community be aware not only of this criminesses." recent rash of rural church bur- * Jack Assembly of God par - County Road 437- burglary es but also the vulnerability of knowledge of these recent bur- enforcement agency. glaries within the county, sonage, located on Coffee reported Monday, Dec. 15, with the home in the county during glaries or of any person having Moates also encourages According to Coffee County County Road 215 - burglary \$4,690 worth of instruments the holiday season," Moates any of the musical instruments zens to report any and all suspi-Sheriff Ben r e p o r t e d and sound equipment stolen and said. "Be aware of any unusual and/or sound equipment taken cious activity to their local law

The Coffee County Sheriff's 331 - burglary reported Sunday, electronic equipment and U.S. ing.

"The public is encouraged to homes, churches and rural busi
Elba Police Department at 894-5535, the Church, located on Coffee nal activity in the rural church- He said any person having 2555 or another local law

have been six encouraged to be 11, with \$300 Elba's new animal control shelter nearing completion

ments and the vulnerability of V e r n o n way, the animal control depart-

with \$1,000 in ters had to be moved because damages to the the former location was in the * Wooten Chapel Church, Toledo Molding and Die plant. "All incidences are believed located on Coffee County Road The new shelter, located on

heat lamps and chicken house curtains will help keep the dogs warm in cold weather.

one part of the new facility Whitworth said is not unusual. that Homyak said he was look-Police Chief R. W. Whitworth Whitworth said the dog has ing forward to having is an The Elba City Council held reported the loss of several done great and earned his cost office.

evening, December 9th. This have resigned to accept posi- During the second meeting before," he said.

has become a December traditions with the Coffee County the council gave final approval Homyak said the office will tion as the city fathers strive to Sheriff's Department and two to an ordinance finalizing the be used to store some supplies, fulfill state laws requiring two others have resigned for person-municipal voting redistricting such as dog food, and will have al reasons. The department will plan which recently received space for his desk, so those In the first meeting the coun- be advertising for replacements approval from the U.S. Justice wanting to adopt animals can

resolution supporting the Block One of the resigning officers plan will now be used in an Homyak, who designed and Grant Float Loan for Dorsey is also the drug dog handler. future regular or special munici- drew the plans for the new shelexplained that this loan sup- the council agreed, to retire the Council members were given about 90 percent complete, and plants the previous economic dog rather than train him to copies of the resignation of the facility should be ready

of Alabama. There is no finan- The dog is nine years old and Elba Volunteer Fire Department. "It's slow going right now," cial liability to the City. Dorsey the normal usefulness for a dog They voted unanimously to said city building inspector and Trailers posts the necessary in this job is seven or eight accept the recommendation of the project's coordinator Troy securities to back up the low years, according to the chief. the firemen and named Danny Gideon. "There's a lot of climbing up and down ladders, and Monthly bills totaling Redmon, has agreed to take the Please See CITY, Page 11 the ladder has to be moved in

and out of each cage."

School D.A.R.E. officer Dean at the elementary school, he of the 2002-03 school year been helping," Gideon said. to opening the new facility. Blair delivered the guest speak- described the opportunity as his when he accepted a new public "Just whoever has a few minservice call and moved to crimi- utes to spare."

performed all the work on the for the labor has saved the city a new facility," Homyak said. Soon thereafter, he answered facility except for the fencing significant amount of money. "This makes my job much easianother call for a career change and concrete, which were con- "Had we contracted it out, it and began working in tracted out, said city clerk would already have been built," Please See ANIMAL, Page 11 November as a corrections offi- Wayne Grantham.

changes the D.A.R.E. program but we're not through with it, plans. nspire Elba Elementary

type changes have a lot to do with D.A.R.E. "As you face changes in life, you will make changes," Blair said. "I want you to become good decision makers."

School's sixth grade class. Although it may not seem

clear upfront, Blair said these

Police Department.

Work Release facility.

Blair has devoted his career to public service, and said he could not think of anything else he His professional career began in 1986 as a corrections officer for the Coffee County Sheriff's

Department. Since that time, he bean Blair, left, served as guest speaker at the 2003 Elba has worked as a deputy for the Elementary School sixth grade D.A.R.E. graduation last Friday, Coffee County Sheriff's Dec. 12. Blair served as Elba's D.A.R.E. officer for several years Department, a patrolman for the before changing careers to become a corrections officer at the Elba
Work Release facility. He is pictured above with Lillie WatsonFoster, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Elba Police Department, the
Please See BLAIR, Page 11



Former Elba D.A.R.E. officer devoted to public service around August, and city As shown above, Elba's new animal shelter is nearing completion employees have been providing and should serve the city well for many years to come. Most of the by Linda Hodge, Editor er's inspirational speech Friday, Dec. 12, during the sixth grade er's inspirational speech Friday, Blair had been the program's "The street department and Elba employees. Most excited about the new facility has to be ani-As former Elba Elementary D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony D.A.R.E. instructor until the end the recreation department have mal control officer George Homyak who said he is looking forward

nal investigator for the Elba In fact, city employees have He said using city employees everything they've done for this

Grantham said, "but it would cer for the State of Alabama Grantham's estimate of the have cost three or four times Department of Corrections Elba final cost is \$12,000, not includ- more than what it will cost." Work Release facility.

Last Friday morning, Blair "I don't know," Grantham began, the mayor, city clerk and used his change in career and said. "It may be less than that, city council approved Homyak's

